

**INDIANA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
CONFERENCE CENTER
ROOM 2
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2017

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

Members Present: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman
Jane Koch, D.P.M., Secretary
Lisa Lanham, D.P.M.
Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Members Absent: William Oliver, D.P.M.

Staff Present: Kimberly Letko, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jodie Stein, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Emily Crisler, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Koch/Eutsler, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the May 5, 2017 minutes.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Eutsler/Koch, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the September 1, 2017 minutes.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Eutsler/Koch, 4/0/0

Motion carries

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Frederick Fedorchak, D.P.M., License No. 07000528A, Cause No. 2016 PMC 0002

Dr. Fedorchak appeared before the Board regarding his probation.

The Board requested quarterly reports submitted prior to the Board meetings from Positive Sobriety Institute (PSI) regarding Dr. Fedorchak's sobriety, failed drug tests, as well as his surgical log. Dr. Fedorchak was also to maintain a CSR log once he obtained his DEA and Controlled Substance Registration and submit to the Board prior to the Board meetings.

Dr. Fedorchak stated that he has not performed any surgeries or prescribed any controlled substances since his license was placed on probation and therefore did not have any logs to submit. He also stated that he was discharged from PSI after one year.

The Board discussed the terms and conditions of the Final Order that stated PSI should submit quarterly reports for the length of his three year probation, but since PSI discharged Dr. Fedorchak after one year, the Final Order would need to be amended to allow continued quarterly reports regarding Dr. Fedorchak's sobriety and report any failed drug tests within forty-eight (48) hours.

Dr. Fedorchak stated that he could sign a contract with pain specialist, Dr. Julian Unger, M.D., to continue to provide the quarterly reports on his sobriety and failed drug tests within forty-eight (48) hours.

After discussion the Board moved to AMEND and CLARIFY the FINAL ORDER.

Eutsler/Lanham, 4/0/0
Motion carries

David H. Bolonkin, D.P.M. – 07000563A – Positive Response – Renewal

Dr. Bolonkin answered yes to question number six (6) on his renewal application, which asks,

"Since you last renewed, have you had any addiction or treatment for addiction to alcohol or a chemical substance?"

In 2015 Dr. Bolonkin voluntarily admitted himself in an intensive, six week, outpatient program at the Brook Hospital in Louisville Kentucky due to his excessive drinking. He continued to go to AA meetings regularly but occasionally still struggled to maintain complete sobriety and through suggestions, sought a higher level of care in April of 2016 by enrolling in a 30 day residential treatment program at the Greenhouse in Grand Prairie, Texas. He completed this program on May 23, 2016.

After completing the residential treatment program, his follow up program included attending an intensive outpatient program for six weeks at the Morton Center in Louisville, Kentucky. He completed this program on July 7, 2016.

Since then he has been seeing a therapist, Robert Brill, on a weekly basis at the Old Louisville Counseling Center in Louisville , Kentucky. He also attends several AA meetings on a weekly basis.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the RENEWAL of Dr. Bolonkin's PODIATRIC LICENSE with the State of Indiana.

Bradley Hammersley, D.P.M. – 07000906A – Positive Response – Renewal

Dr. Hammersley appeared with counsel, Daniel G. McNamara.

Dr. Hammersley answered yes to question #5:

"Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?"

Dr. Hammersley was terminated from his position at the VA-Northern Indiana Healthcare System for "failing to demonstrate appropriate podiatric skill"

Dr. Hammersley stated that he had a mild stroke in April of 2016 and was cleared by his neurologist on May 24, 2017 to return to work without restriction or accommodation and to resume full duties as a podiatrist.

Dr. Hammersley stated that he is appealing the VA charges to clear his name and does not plan to work for the VA in the future.

Dr. Hammersley submitted the following information to the Board:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Patient evaluation from Fort Wayne Neurological, Neuro Spine and Pain Center
- 3) Letter from Ajay Gupta, M.D., Neurologist
- 4) Dr. Hammersley's response to proposal for revocation of privileges and removal from federal service.

- 5) Evaluation of Dr. Hammersley's Podiatric Skills sent to Dr. Burns and the Department of Veteran Affairs by Michael D. Dichoso, DPM, MBA, FACFAS
- 6) VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Hearing, Disciplinary Appeals on 09/13/2017, Transcripts
- 7) Continued education certificates from November 18, 2015 through September 23, 2017

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the RENEWAL of Dr. Hammersley's PODIATRIC LICENSE with the State of Indiana.

Koch/Lanham, 4/0/0
Motion carries


DISCUSSION

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT FOR JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2017 PERIOD

The Board discussed the continued progress of the Continuing Education Audit. Podiatrists are required to complete thirty (30) continuing education credits every two years, or fifteen (15) continuing education credits per year. The random audit period will be from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.



Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman



Jane Koch, D.P.M., Secretary